Release of Forest land for Rehabilitation of affected persons of the Sardar Sarovar Project

669. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have recently rejected the request of the Government of Maharashtra for release of forest land for rehabilitation and resettlement of project affected persons of the Sardar Sarovar Project; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A proposal of the Government of Maharashtra for diversion of additional 1500 hectares of forest land in Dhule District in Maharashtra for resettlement and rehabilitation of the project affected persons of Sardar Sarovar Project, in Maharashtra, was considered by the Union Ministry of Environment and Forests and was rejected under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as per recommendations of the Advisory Committee of that Ministry.

Compensation to Farmers affected by Narmada Sagar Project

670. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that farmers who were deprived of their land along the main canal of Narmada Project have been agitating for the compensation at par;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the decision, if any, taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHR P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) There is no such problem in the Narmada Sagar Project (Madhya Pradesh). However, the canal affected persons of the Sardar Sarovar Project have been agitating for grant of resettlement and rehabilitation packages at par with the project affected persons of the submergence area of the Sardar Sarovar Project.

(c) The Government of Gujarat have announced a scheme of assistance for small and marginal farmers affected by acquisition of land for construction of canals under the project.

पिछड़े वर्गों की सूची में नई जातियों का शामिल किया जाना

671. **श्री रामजीलाल** : क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने मंडल आयोग की सिफारिशों को लागू करने के लिये किसी समिति का गठन किया है ; यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ख) क्या सरकार पिछड़े वर्गों की पुरानी सूची में नई जातियों को शामिल करने का विचार कर रही है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो नई पिछड़ी जातियों को शामिल करने के लिये क्या मानदंड अपनाया जा रहा है/जाएगा ; और

(घ) मंडल आयोग की इन सिफारिशों को कब तक लागू कर दिया जाएगा ?

कल्याण मंत्री (श्री सीताराम केसरी) : (क) अन्य पिछड़े वर्गों की सूची में से सामाजिक रूप से उन्नत व्यक्तियों पिछड़े वर्गों ("सम्पन्न वर्ग") को अलग करने के लिए सामाजिक-आर्थिक मानदण्ड की सिफारिश करने हेतु 23 फरवरी, 1993 को एक विशेषज्ञ समिति का गठन किया गया है।

(ख) और (ग) राष्ट्रीय पिछड़ा वर्ग आयोग अध्यादेश, 1993 के अंतर्गत गठित किया जाने वाला राष्ट्रीय पिछड़ा वर्ग आयोग पिछड़े वर्ग की सूची में नागरिकों के किसी वर्ग को शामिल करने संबंधी अनुरोधों तथा ऐसी सूचियों में किसी पिछड़े वर्ग को अधिक शामिल करने अथवा कम शामिल करने संबंधी शिकायतों की जांच करेगा तथा इस संबंध में केन्द्रीय सरकार को सलाह देगा। आयोग की सलाह सामान्यत: सरकार पर बाध्यकर होगी।

(घ) मंडल आयोग की सिफारिशों के के आधार पर केन्द्रीय सरकार के अधीन नौकरियों में पिछड़े वर्गों के संबंध में आरक्षण का कार्यान्वयन तभी किया जाएगा तब सामाजिक दृष्टि से उन्नत व्यक्तियों /वर्गों ("सम्पन्न वर्ग") को अलग करने संबंधी सामाजिक आर्थिक मानदंड को उच्चतम न्यायालय के निर्णय से अनुसार अंतिम रूप दे दिया जाएगा।

Commission for Identification of Backward Classes

672. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Ministry of Welfare be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to constitute a permanent Commission for identification of backward classes;

(b) whether Government have also taken a decision to set up an expert Committee to determine socio-economic criteria to exclude socially advanced persons from the backward classes; and

(c) i so, the details in this regard and by when they will start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) The National Commission for Backward Classes to be constituted under the National Commission for Backward Classes ordinance 1993 shall examine requests for inclusion of any class of citizens in the list of Backward Classes and complaints of over-inclusion or under-inclusion of any Backward Class in such lists and tender advice to Central Government in this regard.

(b): Yes Sir.

(c). The Expert Committee constituted on 22nd February, 1993 has the following composition:

1.	Shri R.N. Prasad, Justice (Rtd.) Patna High Court	Chairman
2.	Shri M.L. Sahare, (Social scientist) Former Chairman U.P.S.C.	Member
3.	Shri P.S. Krishnan, Former secretary (Welfare) Government of India	Member
4.	Shri R.J. Majithia, Former Chairman, Revenue Board. Government of Rajsthan	Member Secretary

They have started functioning from 23-2-1993.

Tribal Developmet Projects

673. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Mnister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that any tribal Development project has been submitted by the Governments of Maharashtra, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh in the year 1991 and 1992; and

(b) if so, the details therof, together with the amount earmarked for them?